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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Heavily Armed Man Taken into Custody After Trying to Enter Federal Building

(U) An armed man who attempted to enter the parking garage of the Edward R. Roybal Federal Building in Downtown Los Angeles was taken into custody. The man was wearing body armor and was stopped in his white SUV by contracted security officers "who noticed a firearm inside the vehicle," said Department of Homeland Security spokesperson Andra Higgs. Security personnel discovered the man's car contained multiple loaded firearms and knives, and he was subsequently apprehended by Federal Protective Service inspectors, Higgs said.

SOURCE: 14 July 2021, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

(U) Napa – Woman First to Face Federal Charges Over Fake COVID Immunizations, Vaccine Cards

(U) Juli A. Mazi a homoeopathic doctor from Napa, was arrested and charged with one count of wire fraud and one count of false statements related to health care matters, the Department of Justice said. The defendant allegedly created counterfeit COVID-19 vaccination cards and instructed her customers to falsely mark that they had received a vaccine, allowing them to circumvent efforts to contain the spread of the disease," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. As part of the scheme, Mazi allegedly coached customers on how to falsify the vaccine cards with specific Moderna vaccine lot numbers and guidance on how to select false dates of immunization to evade suspicion.

SOURCE: 14 July 2021, [Fox News](#)

(U) Santa Ana – Drug Ring Used 'Call Centers' to Distribute at Least \$2 Million Worth of Heroin

(U) Twelve people were arrested for their alleged involvement in a ring that used two Orange County-based call centers to distribute at least \$2 million in heroin, authorities said. The suspects arrested are among 19 people charged in "Operation Horse Caller." The other seven defendants charged in the federal grand jury indictment are fugitives, with four believed to be in Mexico. Authorities said buyers of the drug would use coded language referencing Mexican food when placing orders with the call center. Federal officials seized four homes and several bank accounts they say were used to launder the money in the heroin operation.

SOURCE: 14 July 2021, [ABC7](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Apprehend Over 100 in Human Smuggling Attempts

(U) Laredo – Laredo Sector agents apprehended over 100 undocumented individuals during human smuggling attempts at the Laredo West Station checkpoint. The first incident occurred when a box truck approached the primary inspection of the checkpoint and agents discovered over 10 individuals inside the cargo area that were in the US illegally and from Mexico. The second incident occurred when a tractor-trailer approached the checkpoint and agents discovered almost 90 individuals inside the trailer. All were in the US illegally and from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

SOURCE: 14 July 2021, [CBP](#)

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(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Chinese Hackers Exploit Latest SolarWinds Hack to Target US Defense Firms

(U) Washington – Microsoft disclosed that the latest string of attacks targeting SolarWinds Serv-U managed file transfer service with a now-patched remote code execution (RCE) exploit is the work of a Chinese threat actor dubbed "DEV-0322." The revelation comes days after the IT monitoring software maker issued fixes for the flaw that could enable adversaries to remotely run arbitrary code with privileges, allowing them to perform actions like install and run malicious payloads or view and alter sensitive data.

SOURCE: 13 July 2021, [The Hacker News](#)

(U) Illinois – Suspect Facing Attempted Murder Charge After Ramming Gate at Champaign Jail

(U) Champaign – Yevgeniy Nikolaev, 37, of Urbana, is suspected of ramming a gate at the Champaign County Jail and is facing multiple charges including attempted murder. Nikolaev drove a stolen pickup to the Champaign County Satellite Jail, where he attempted to enter the sally port on foot. After he was denied entry, he drove the truck through the security gate and battered the sally port door repeatedly with the truck, breaching the building and hitting an unoccupied transport van inside. When corrections officers ran to confront him, Nikolaev reportedly drove the truck toward them.

SOURCE: 14 July 2021, [Fox Illinois](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Denmark – Man Sentenced to Life for Knife Attack that Injured Seven

(U) Copenhagen – Tamin Sultani, a 22-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to life imprisonment for a knife attack that injured seven people earlier this year. Sultani attacked seven men with an 8.7-inch blade. In its verdict, the district court said Sultani used a kitchen knife that he had picked up at his apartment "because he was so upset" about something blasphemous done to his god "and wanted to kill that person."

SOURCE: 14 July 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Germany – Police Raid Suspected Islamic Extremists

(U) Berlin – Police said they were searching locations in the German state of Hesse in connection with suspected Islamic extremists. Hesse police said on social media that the raids were taking place "at numerous premises" across the state. German news agency reported that the suspects are alleged supporters of the Islamic State group. It quoted a police spokesman saying there was no immediate threat of an attack.

SOURCE: 14 July 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) Mexico – Armed Men Free Local Cartel Leader from Jail

(U) Ciudad Victoria – Men dressed in military gear and carrying rifles burst into a prosecution holding facility in the Mexican border city of Reynosa and freed the local leader of the Gulf cartel. Prosecutors identified the detained suspect by his nickname, "Calamardo." That is the name used by José Alfredo Hernández Campos, who is also known as "El Metro 27." He was being held pending an initial appearance before a judge. The group subdued guards and took the suspect with them. After looking for the escaped suspect, police came under fire from one vehicle and returned fire, killing one of the occupants and detaining three others.

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